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Biased drug tests racially motivated hiring and firing

By Emory Curtis
Correspondent

(NNPA) — Almost all personnel directors of government units and companies of medium size require two completed pieces of paper before making a hiring decision — a completed application and a negative slip from the required drug test.

That second piece of paper is a report from a lab that tests urine or hair samples. They like hair samples more because they can register positive for drugs used months before. Urine tests only catch drugs used a few days before.

But specific results suggest that we ought to be concerned about the extensive use of hair testing for drug use.

A woman at the top of the list to become a bus driver, who had steadily been working her way up the bus driver candidate list for a district, said she wasn't worried about passing the drug test, commenting the strongest drug she ever had was coffee.

She took the drug test and it came back positive. She cried so much, the district broke tradition and retested her. It came back positive again. She couldn't understand it. However, according to information about testing hair for drug use, she could be one of the few with the kind of black hair that makes that test return a false positive for drug use.

It happened before. Complaints have been filed against the Chicago Police Department by six recent candidates for the Police Academy there.

One of them was filed by a sister, mother of two, who had a lifelong dream of being a police officer. They tested a sample of her hair, and it came back positive. She was floored and said, "I don't even smoke or drink."

Eight Chicagoans have filed complaints of racial discrimination against the Chicago Police Department because of hair testing which gives more false positives on black hair, which we have.

A brother in the Army who passed seven random urine tests in a two-year period had a forced hair test come back positive. He ended up with a bad discharge, and was only six years away from retirement.

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse's leading researcher, Edward Cone, "The consensus of scientific opinion is that there are still too many unanswered questions for (hair analysis) to be used in employment situations." That opinion is backed by Dr. Bruce Gurrlington, director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

A 1995 U.S. Navy study shows that the dark coarse hair of African Americans, Hispanics and Asians is more likely to absorb drug residues from the environment and then test positive, even if the individual never used drugs.

Because forensic toxicologists have found it to be racially biased, Representative Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.) is trying to stop the Defense Department from using the hair test.

It it stops, why should Police Departments and private companies keep administering the test?

It's just another screen the system is using to pick off a few more of us who were able to get through other screens.

NJ KidCare Family of four earning under 60,000 you qualify



Kids from the All-Star Sports Camp at Brookdale Community College listen to Gov. Whitman and watch as she signs a bill to expand NJ KidCare.

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

LINCROFT—Gov. Christie Whitman signed legislation recently while touring Monmouth County, at Brookdale Community College to expand the NJ KidCare program, making affordable health insurance available to tens of thousands additional children.

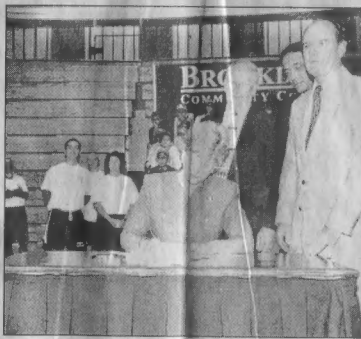
"NJ KidCare was established to ensure that uninsured children get the medical care they need," said Whitman.

She continued: "Today we are expanding the NJ KidCare program to assist hard-working families who are struggling to pay for their own individual health insurance plan. We are ensuring that New Jersey families earning the maximum annual income allowed under federal law qualify for the program."

What this means is that under these expanded guidelines, a family of four with an annual income of \$58,400 would qualify for NJ KidCare, up from the former limit of \$33,400.

The expansion of NJ KidCare will be wasted if we don't increase awareness of the program. These bills specifically address the need for increased enrollment efforts," said Whitman.

In addition to the expanded program, Whitman is encouraging partnerships between NJ KidCare and schools, childcare



organizations and health care families to actively reach out to children to identify children who are eligible. The designated community organizations will receive \$25 for each household enrolled in the program. The bill provides \$75,000 to carry out the enrollment program.

Meanwhile, visiting the Veterans Veterans Memorial located in Holmdel, the governor unveiled a US Postal Service stamp commemorating Vietnam War Veterans.

She also made a stop at the Hall of Records in Freehold,

Blacks see racial pattern in Hurt's firing

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

ORANGE — Essex County Prosecutor Patricia Hurt's recent removal from office last week by Gov. Whitman and the state attorney general angered many blacks in the county, said black ministers at a press conference with Hurt.

Executive Director Rev. Reginald Jackson and his New Jersey Black Ministers Council had twice rallied for former Prosecutor Clifford Minor, who resigned under pressure, before pushing for his appointment. He said blacks are "alarmed and disturbed" by the pattern seen in the fate of black Essex County prosecutors.

Hurt, who left office immediately when deposed last Tuesday, said only that she had done nothing illegal and would fight for her job, adding she was grateful to the ministers and others who support her. The council and attorney John J. Faby advised Hurt not to say more and she was not available for comment.

The same day, the Newark-based Concerned Black Republicans of New Jersey, which pushed hard for her appointment in 1997, promised all possible support to Hurt. "Hopefully, when the dust clears and all the facts are in, Ms. Hurt will be exonerated from any wrongdoing."

"No one is infallible," the group said in a written statement. For months, Hurt has been portrayed in daily news reports as incompetent and high-spending, he noted.

"There is even the insinuation and a criminal probe that the staff was paid overtime and then gave kickbacks to her. Let us acknowledge that this prosecutor has made mistakes."

He said they don't condone the high-priced desk blotter, leather wastebasket or office sign. "But none of these risk to the level of needing to supersede or remove her."

Hurt had been superseded on Tuesday by Attorney General John J. Farmer, who placed his Assistant Attorney General Donald Campolo in charge of the Prosecutor's Narcotics Unit. The federally funded unit runs the county Narcotics Task Force, with officers rotating in from various local police forces. It is supposed to provide the key leadership in drug enforcement county-wide.

Farmer said the indictment on brutality charges of four investigators in the narcotic squad and budget problems were also factors leading to the takeover.

In a report on the prosecutor's drug enforcement operations, the state Division of Criminal Justice assails the unit's performance, citing many mismanagement issues.

"Significant cases are simply not being made by the unit," states the report, adding that in nearly a third of the 183 cases opened last year, no arrests were made. Of 186 cases last year, nearly all were of street-level drug dealers.

Oddly, the report on the review of the unit says the staff "can not" be paid overtime.

The same day, Campolo called the Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Churches, who had tried to calm the budget battle between Hurt and County Executive Jim Treflinger, to the prosecutor's office to let them know his office was open to their concerns. Rev. Dr. Edward Verme, president of the group, had recommended Hurt to Gov. Christie Whitman.

The character assassination and these types of things were very alarming to his group as well, Verme said. "We are concerned the last three persons of color appointed to that office had all kinds of difficulties while in office," he said, referring to former prosecutors Clifford Minor and Herbert Tate before him. "As religious and civic leaders are concerned that this happened to a person who as far as we know is a loyal public servant. Our stance is this: If there was incompetence or anything akin to lack of discipline in office, we don't condone that. But to the extent that we think race played a part in this, we are really disturbed."

As far as the drug problem, he noted, "We see no phenomenal change in (fighting) the drug problem on anyone's part — state, local, the whole kit and caboodle. It seems it's always been out of control."

Atlantic City hosts Youth Empowerment Summit '99

By Jean H. Pierre
Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — What-
ney Houston released one of her many big hits "The Greatest Love of All." The song, full of emotion and range by Ms. Houston, began with this line: "I believe the children are our future." While everyone agrees with the phrase, some feel it's hard to get in touch with today's kids. 10,000 Mentors doesn't think so and did something about it recently, by inviting

New Jersey's youth to the first annual Youth Empowerment Summit.

The summit brought out hundreds of students, mostly from the Newark area, to the Atlantic City Convention Center to enhance awareness of themselves and develop positive attitudes to attain their goals. While teens are always getting a bad rap for being lazy and unobedient, the platform was set to state otherwise.

"I'm tired of old folks saying that ya'll not doing nothing,

said Toni Miles-Maloney, a radio air-personality in Washington D.C. "Now is the time to come together and kick butt to gain what you want. It's all about you."

The summit, co-sponsored by the Atlantic City Department of Health and Human Services, Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship and Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, offered four different workshops, ranging from topics like making life relationships to getting pulled over by the police. For the stu-

dents attending the workshops, it was very insightful.

"These demonstrations have been so beneficial," said Corey Hunnington of Newark. "All of us learn from each other and pick up valuable information that will carry us in the long-run."

In between workshops, community group POWER (Peer Outreach Workers Educating Raskitakers) performed several skits that dealt with issues teens face such as pregnancy and living with HIV. During the

afternoon session, Swing Phi Swing performed an amazing step show that got audience going. Executive Director of 10,000 Mentors Tanya McKay, hopes the kids will walk away feeling empowered.

"I want them to pick up on things that will help them relate with each other," said McKay.

"When you have dynamic speakers it's easier to reach kids, especially when you're talking about social matters teens face such as pregnancy and living with HIV. During the

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

PRINCETON — The Princeton Airport offers special activities for those interested in aviation. 10:30 a.m. (800) 821-3100.

RED BANK — St. Thomas Episcopal Church presents the Red Bank Carnival & Festival at Coast Basse Park through Aug. 8th. Call (733)42-7190 for time and information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents musical group Linda Isenma and the Dots Cafe at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Luncheon Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 738-1800.

MONTCLAIR — Montclair State University's Summer Camp for Academically Gifted Youth offers a full slate of camp programs designed to challenge and excite high-achieving and talented students in grades 4 to 10. Call (973) 655-4333 for time and information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

EDISON — The NAACP Metuchen-Area Branch hosts the Fourth Annual Family Health & Cultural Fair at the Edison Job Corps campus. 11 a.m. (732) 545-1617.

IRVINGTON — The Association for Community Employment presents Summer Youthfest '99 at Center Playground and Civic Square. 12 p.m. (973) 399-1000.

ATLANTIC CITY — The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority presents the Twelfth Annual Hedonism & Cosmo Marathon Swim at Historic Gardner's Beach. Call (800) 448-7125 for time and information.

LAWRENCEVILLE — The 19th Annual Princeton Bicycling Event is a biking extravaganza that suits all recreational riders at all levels. It takes place at Rider University. Call (908) 862-4733.

SUMMIT — The Summit Summer Fair takes over the downtown area with food, entertainment and crafts for everyone. Call (908) 922-1700 for time and information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

NEWARK — St. Rose of Lima Church hosts a flea market/garage/boutique sale at the parking lot of the church. 9 a.m. (973) 482-0682.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Puerto Rican Action Board hosts the 21st Annual Hispanic Riverfront Festival of New Brunswick at Boyd Park overlooking the Raritan River through Aug. 8. 5 p.m. (732) 825-4510.

MORRISTOWN — Children's Day is a day celebration for kids everywhere at the Historic Spoorville. Call (973) 540-0211 for time and information.

NEW YORK — Contempo Tours presents the Eighth Annual Celebration at Sail College, to benefit the United Negro College Fund. Call (212) 673-0795 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

TOMS RIVER — The Cruisein Classics Car Show gives people the chance to view the most spectacular automobiles of years past. Plus there will be live music of the 50's and 60's throughout the downtown area. Call (732) 349-0220 for time and information.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH — The Annual Seaside Sale attracts residents throughout the state to view some of the latest items that are up for sale in the downtown area through Aug. 15. Call (732) 890-2424 for time and information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

OCEAN CITY — The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority presents the 90th Annual Baby Parade at the Music Pier. Call (800) 448-7125 for time and information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

WILDWOOD — The Fifth Annual Blues Festival is a day celebration of great food, crafts, and the best blues music anywhere at the Holy Beach Station Mall. Call (800) 729-0516 for time and information.

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents jazz musician Vince Senier and the Platinum II Jazz Band at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Luncheon Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 738-1800.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents Genesis International at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Luncheon Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 738-1800.

NEW YORK — The Museum of the City of New York presents an exhibit on East Harlem and the impact of Paul Robeson. 2 p.m. (212) 534-1672.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

JERSEY CITY — The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. New Jersey Chapter presents "A Masked Altar" Dinner Cruise aboard the Spirit of New Jersey. The ship will depart from Liberty Landing Marina at Liberty State Park. 8:30 p.m. (201) 434-1925.

First black woman detective recognized



ELIZABETH — Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes of Rahway knows the feeling of excitement and pride felt by Louchan Holmes, the first black woman to achieve the rank of detective on the Elizabeth Police Department, because he was the first black police officer and detective in the Rahway Police Department over 30 years ago. "Detective Louchan Holmes, no relation, also has the distinct honor of being the first black female to serve on the Elizabeth Police Department, joining the force in 1991." Freeholder Holmes said. He presented a Resolution to Detective Holmes in recognition of her achievement during a recent public meeting of the Board of Freeholders. Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari said, "Her belief is that if you want something bad enough and work hard enough you can achieve your goals." "On behalf of the entire Freeholder Board I congratulate Detective Holmes on her well deserved promotion," said Scutari.

23-year-old Plainfield woman receives Masters



Miss Andrea Hester, the proud daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Hester, Sr. received her Master Degree in Teaching (M.A.T.) Secondary Education in English, this spring from the College of New Jersey formerly Trenton State College. She tutored at the Young Scholars Institute, Trenton, New Jersey; worked as a graduate assistant at the College of New Jersey; substitute teacher for the Plainfield Board of Education; did student teaching at Lawrence High School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; was a resident counselor at the North Carolina School of Arts, Winston Salem, North Carolina. She anticipates working for the South Brunswick Board of Education in September.

BOC Gases teams with United Way to support Union County



BOC Gases in Murray Hill, which is already one of the largest contributors to United Way of Union County, has partnered with the non-profit organization.

In mentoring/tutoring for children whose parents are disabled or are faced with special needs. Over 30 employees from BOC recently volunteered their time at the YMCA of Fairwood/Scotch Plains.

The employee-volunteers rolled up their sleeves to paint the entire interior of the YMCA's nursery school and install new windows. Diane Jones, an employee at BOC Gases smiles as she prepares to add a fresh coat of paint at the YMCA of Fairwood/Scotch Plains.

United Way of Union County linked BOC Gases to the YMCA of Fairwood/Scotch Plains as part of its "Caring Connections" programs. The "Caring Connections" program was designed to establish a crucial link between local residents in need and companies seeking involvement in community outreach initiatives.

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Black boycott on TV should extend to all media

By Barbara Reynolds

God ole days of summer

Church bus rides from back-in-the-day in the summertime were the absolute best! How can anyone who's ever been on one forget the — up all night crying children that permeated the air from the front to the back of the bus. Snowboards lined with aluminum foil. Snow boxes filled with fried chicken, accompanied by a moist apple white bread. And... wait a minute, a can of store-brand soda chillin' in front in the cooler under the seat and dished out by the elder statesman, a piece of fruit, a slice of cake, which never seemed to be enough, room for the board. Talking to the board. What?

Think about it now. When was the last time you went on a church bus ride? Why they're almost obsolete. That's bad, because they were so much fun. The Church, and maybe not your church, but enough have either kept up with the times — by providing less for more, or either they've strayed on some lowly sanctimonious road. The Church in the black community has always been a refuge — encouraging, uplifting, chastising, progressive, a creative force not to be reckoned with. There are some weak churches in many parts of the country. The time for unleashing its creativity and its innovative efforts to elevate the community. Although giving scholarships to students is all well and good, but where's the creativity? Hopefully your church has an established economic development plan. Hopefully your church has established a program for the sick and elderly. If you're not a church, a credit union that can help weather a storm in a time of need. Hopefully your church is well stocked with food to feed the hungry. Hopefully your church doesn't find it an imposition to fax over The Church bulletin.

Nooo, not your church!

Television is neither black and white nor is it in living color anymore. It has degenerated into a drab shade of gray.

Thankfully, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is attacking the leading cause of people of color to fall prey to sitcoms and dramatic programming. And, it is backing up the rhetoric with threats to call on them to turn the tube and the screen to the advertisers that are fueling the "black and brown-out."

While the NAACP is urgently needed, it is not going far enough because virtually everything being said about network programming can also be said about television news, radio and the print media.

At the NAACP convention in New York a few weeks ago, Kwesi Munié showed how the ongoing erosion of Black faces in the media are affecting the fall lineup. Not one of the 26 new shows set to air on ABC, CBS, NBC or Fox are African American. Blacks, as well as Hispanics, aren't playing many secondary roles either. "When the TV viewing public sits down to watch the news, they are disappointed to find that fall, they will see a virtual whiteness."

Munié said, "This planning omission is an outrage and a shameful display by network executives, who are either clueless, careless or both." Unfortunately, the trend of erasing Blacks has been gaining momentum for several years as advertisers both in the print and broadcast media as well as news officials chase the so-called upscale demographic.

For example, last season's top five entertainment shows, "ER," "Friends," "Frasier," "Severance" and "The X-Files" were primarily white shows with a sprinkling of prominent minority characters. Advertisers generally regard "upscale." White males aged 18 to 49 as the most desirable, and for some crazy reason — disregard the \$600 billion that Blacks gross annually in recent years, sitcoms with a "black" viewer, which may not yet be a Y2K compliant or which may face costly litigation for failure to meet contractual deadlines due to Y2K failures. Nearly 80 African American companies have already been hit with Y2K lawsuits. According to the United States Chamber of Commerce, this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Since 1987, the number of Black-owned businesses has grown by 46 percent, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The average growth rate for all businesses during that time was just 26 percent. Total receipts collected by Black-owned enterprises grew by 63 percent from \$10.8 billion to nearly \$32.1 billion. However, most are small and medium-sized enterprises averaging less than \$750,000 in annual revenues. As such, none of these companies could afford the financial devastation of Y2K-related litigation.

In fact, the corporate sector is investing as much as one trillion dollars to make businesses and industries Y2K ready and to minimize disruptions of critical services. Most are planning "war rooms" to handle unforeseen Y2K problems. Black business owners should be aware that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration, as well as several from influential industry leaders that has successfully championed historic legislation in this Congress to provide relief from frivolous or excessive litigation resulting from Y2K problems. The bill which passed the Senate 62-37 in December 1998 now awaits House Senate conference to work out differences before it can be sent to the President.

Some suggestions that Black community leaders and citizens should begin to consider are as follows: (1) Building public-private partnerships with local chambers of commerce, small businesses, and churches to address the Y2K problem. Working with local and state officials to make sure essential community services are Y2K resistant. Make sure that an advance supply of required medications and prescriptions are available. Develop and fund a Y2K hotline, water supply, water supply, first-aid kit and at least \$250 in cash available in case there are minor disruptions. (2) Develop a Y2K emergency response plan. (3) Hire a Y2K consultant. (4) Assembling a task force comprised of responsible and reliable members of the community to meet regularly to develop a workable and reliable contingency planning model for individual communities as soon as possible.

Abraham, Martin and now John, Jr.

By Star Parker

I haven't cried yet over the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. If I have, the reason is because I didn't know anything about him. I just found out that he was the only son of the late, great President J.F. Kennedy.

I am sad though. I'm sad because I didn't know him. I didn't know how he felt about the vision his dad had for this country.

I also didn't know if he had the desire, the passion or the ambition to continue that vision.

This was a vision birthed during one of the most intense periods of America, where his dad dared to challenge all of us to, "Ask not what this country can do for you, but what you can do for this country."

I was 7 years old when JFK was assassinated. It was the first time I ever saw my parents cry. It took years, the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the death of Senator Robert Kennedy for me to see the same intensity of those tears from them again. And since...

My parents grew up in the segregated South. They believed in God and my brothers and sisters from the pain of this historic American experience by my dad going into the South and finally settling in the north. But JFK was his hero.

President Kennedy was a hero for millions of black men like my dad, because he suggested a road, about handouts, but about personal integrity, responsibility, excellence and equal access to opportunity.

Performer's rhetoric is not empty. It will include broadcasters in his efforts to go to the source — the advertisers, who are allowed to disrespect the African people. Blacks spend annually on consumer goods.

The Federal Communications Commission recently released a study showing that advertisers on Black and Hispanic national writers, and for some crazy reason — disregard the \$600 billion that Blacks gross annually in recent years, sitcoms with a "black" viewer, which may not yet be a Y2K compliant or which may face costly litigation for failure to meet contractual deadlines due to Y2K failures. Nearly 80 African American companies have already been hit with Y2K lawsuits. According to the United States Chamber of Commerce, this is just the tip of the iceberg.

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Why posting the Ten Commandments is too little, too late

By Emanuel McLittle

Last Month, Congress passed a bill, allowing the Ten Commandments to be posted on walls of the nation's \$5,000 public schools.

After weeks of debate, it represents a feeble response to the abyss of school violence. I hoped for better from the Republican-led Congress.

An emotional explosion of the "Columbian massacre" resulted in political fragments that the Clinton-led Left interpreted as an opportunity for more gun control.

The Republicans were cornered into doing another one of those "something" that will do nothing except to even honest analysts, the "whys" of how we got here.

What few conservatives noted and among the nation's 320-plus public schools, they did not care, when and how did we lose our role as spiritual caretakers?

Religious scholars are correct and accurate, even though it is not Earthly, as I believe it is, then the Office of Spiritual Regent was not stolen by the Left, religion's plenary explanation for our nation's moral decline was compromised.

The teaching of morality was never, nor can it be now, taught like the secular world. The Ten Commandments will do no more for students than taking a shower will quench thirst.

The Ten Commandments must be lived by those whose realising world would never relinquish their child's mind to 12 years of warehousing in public schools, to later ban public education for the conspicuous nature of some students.

I am certainly no defender of the confused, tyrannical Left. But who are the Left but the children, spouses and relatives of the Right.

Emanuel McLittle is a freelance writer and public speaker.

Y2K: Is Black America Prepared?

By Sophia A. Nelson

For the most part, the Black community is skeptical about the seriousness of the Y2K computer glitch. Since many Black households do not have computers, they are not likely to be affected. They only think the so-called problem won't affect our lives. Make no mistake about it, the year 2000 problem is real. Its consequences are serious and the deadline remains unmovable. There are now less than 180 days until Americans find out whether or not the Y2K computer glitch will disrupt the vital functions of our nation's various business and governmental sectors, transportation systems, its energy sources and the delivery of healthcare services.

What is the Y2K problem? It started decades ago when, in an effort to conserve computer memory and save time and money, programmers designed software that recognized only the last two digits of years. For example, the year 1987, simply appeared as "87." Thus, when "00" is entered for the year 2000, a computer may process the date as the year 1900. This can cause the computer to produce erroneous data, stop operating altogether, both of which have far-reaching consequences.

At one time, 2000 will be able to process any computer program. As an African American, I will be able to process any computer program. As an African American, I will be able to process any computer program. As an African American, I will be able to process any computer program.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has identified 43 federal programs in calls "high impact," such as Social Security, Medicare and the national air traffic control system. Each day these programs provide critical services to millions of Americans. But, only two of them — Social Security and the Department of Health and Human Services' Payment Management System are ready. Eight

Firing the Universal African Flag for Garvey

By Ron Daniels

In New York City, you can always tell when it's time for the Puerto Rican flag. The flag is a red, white and blue flag with a single star in the center. The flag is a red, white and blue flag with a single star in the center.

Over the last few years, I have been pondering the idea, with the support of Dr. Julius Garvey and Marcus Garvey Jr., that the Universal African Flag, which is a red, white and blue flag with a single star in the center, should be replaced by the African flag.


Aug. 17 of this year will mark the 112th birthday of Garvey, one of the most visionary, courageous and audacious African leaders the race has ever produced. He was a devoted Pan-African nationalist, committed to breathing life into and reconnecting the great people beaten down and disconnected by the holocaust of enslavement, colonialism and rampant racial oppression.

That vision was of one simple and ambitious: Africa, the ancestral homeland of the Black race and the progenitor and cradle of human life and civilization, should be reclaimed, resurrected and reconstructed by the African people of the world as the anchor and base for global Black power. He proclaimed "Africa for the Africans, Asia for the Asians, Africa for the Africans at home and abroad."

He was a spellbinding orator whose lively images on the great achievements of African people throughout history were a source of new hope for millions of Africans in this country and the world. "Up you mighty race," he would often say, "you can accomplish what you will."

Symbols were an important part of Garvey's formula for a people's national rehabilitation of African people, for him there was no more important symbol than a flag. The function of a flag, as Garvey saw it, was to capture the essence of the history and culture of a people and serve as a unifying symbol of their aspirations. He was determined that African people would have a flag with the colors of the rainbow, the colors of the rainbow, the colors of the rainbow.

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Religion

RELIGION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

RED BANK — St. Thomas Episcopal Church presents the Red Bank Carols and Fun Festival at Court Basin Park, 6 p.m. (732) 747-1039

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

PLAINFIELD — St. Mary's Rectory Church will hold evening mass, 5:30 p.m. (908) 756-0085.

MONTCLAIR — Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will hold evening mass, 6 p.m. (973) 744-1074.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

NEW YORK — WKBS-TV (98.7 KISS) presents Vixen, Wynne, Marvin, Spill and the KISS Choir at the World Trade Center Atrium Plaza, part of KISS-FM's "RAB Friday's Luncheon Concert Series, 12 p.m. (212) 352-9758.

Baseball legend to join benefit for Interfaith

PLAINFIELD — Baseball great Bobby Thomson will be the star attraction at a golf outing to benefit the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County. Summit-based Novartis is the lead sponsor of the Golf Classic for the Homeless.

The Interfaith Council for the Homeless does a great job of helping people in Union County who have no permanent home to call their own. "I'm proud that the Golf Classic is giving me the opportunity to help the Council raise the money they need to continue their work," said Thomson.

Thomson made his mark in the sports history books on October 3, 1951 when he hit the famed "Shot Heard 'Round the World," in a Peewee game against the Brooklyn Dodgers that guaranteed the New York Giants a place in the World Series that year. The U.S. Post Office recently issued a commemorative stamp of Thomson, now 75 and a resident of Union County.

The Golf Classic for the Homeless will be held on Monday, August 23, at Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club in Stanton Ridge, NJ. A Corporate Foursome is priced at \$2,500 with hole sponsorship, or \$1,600 without. A Corporate Twoome with hole sponsorship costs \$1,300, and individuals may play for \$400. Portions of these payments are tax-deductible.

All preparation levels include golf cart, greens fees and lockers as well as a brunch buffet, cocktail hour and dinner. The prize for a hole-in-one is a 1999 Cadillac, donated by Crown Cadillac of Watchung.

"Interfaith Council of Union County helps both homeless and at risk of homeless people through its various programs. These include temporary shelter and transitional housing, supportive/permanent housing, employment training and computer literacy. Interfaith serves approximately 500 people in need at all of its programs. The Golf Classic will provide funds to help us continue these most important services for our most needy neighbors," said Barbara Aaronoff, Executive Director of Interfaith Council.

The Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the homeless and those at the risk of homelessness. It provides emergency shelter through the Interfaith Hospitality Network, transitional and permanent housing, education, and other supportive services. It also promotes personal development, independence, and self-sufficiency, as well as community building for safe and stable neighborhoods.

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Third generation of Winans create their own righteous sound

It's that old "nature vs. nurture" argument. Are the careers of our lives determined more by the genetic makeup we receive from our parents, or by the environmental influences in which we are raised? Well, in this case you can take your pick, because it works out the same either way. If your last name is Winans, you're probably gonna sing. Decades ago, when Mom and Pop Winans decided to pursue music as a career, they unwittingly set the course for their children as well. First it was their older sons Carvin II, Marvin, Michael, and Ronald who followed in their footsteps, singing and recording as The Winans. Then there were Daniel and Vickie, followed by BeBe and CeCe who found success as a duet and as solo artists. Most recently R & B Gospel fans were treated to the younger Winans siblings, Angie & Debbie. But that's the end of it right? Isn't that all of the singing Winans kids, present and accounted for? Well, no.

Recording under the name Winans Phase 2, Marvin Winans Jr., Carvin Winans III, Juan Winans, and Michael Winans II, are now introducing the third generation of Winans to the world. Their Myrrin records debut, *WE GOT NEXT*, reveals more than a solid musical heritage. Mixing a broad blend of urban, R & B, pop and gospel influences, Winans Phase 2 offers up a fresh mix of stylistic innovation, youthful energy and musical maturity that skillfully blends the old and new. Ranging in age from 16-19, the members of Winans Phase 2 are obviously in tune with the music of their peers, but they also incorporate those sounds within the context of their rich family musical tradition. After all, the Winans family has become almost a separate musical genre within themselves.

Winans Phase 2 formed in 1998 after singing on a series of television spots for Detroit's NBC affiliate Over-



Winans Phase 2 (l-r Carvin, Michael, Marvin, and Juan)

whelmly positive feedback from viewers prompted the four Winans to officially declare themselves an entity. It didn't take much shopping after that to land a record deal with Myrrin.

"Our family has really been blessed to be able to sing," says Carvin III. "But growing up it wasn't something we pondered with the message of the Gospel and I want it now. We didn't grow up assuming we'd eventually make a career of it."

"I don't think I ever aspired to sing before we put this group together," adds Juan. "But at some point I really started to see how much people need to be reached with the message of the Gospel and I said, 'We've been given this gift to be able to sing, so how can we not sing?'"

Recognizing the need for positive

role models among their generation, Juan, Carvin, Michael and Marvin, hope to give back to others the strength they have drawn from the examples of their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. They want to be salt and light in their culture, offering a message of hope and redemption, and backing their words with their lives.

"We know what it's like to be young and deal with all the things in life people our age deal with," says Marvin. "But we should pray for your lunch at school, pray. Don't be ashamed or embarrassed. Do what you know is right."

We want to reach our peers with

out compromising the values instilled in us by our family," Michael adds.

Demonstrating a high level of belief in the mission of Winans Phase 2, Myrrin Records has provided them with the studio with urban pop music's songwriting and production elite. Producers Rodney Jerkins (Brandy, Whitney Houston), Nanda, Michael Walden (Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin), and Cedric Caldwell (BeBe & CeCe Winans, Donny McClean, Whitney Houston) all share production credits on the project. Producer Joshua Gre Rubin also handles the workshop, meaning track "Just For a Day," written by Babyface/Toni Braxton, Waiting to Exhale Soundtrack), "Just For a Day" offers a precise musical arrangement overlaid with silky harmonies. For added good measure, the group is also throwing in their own soulful version of the BeeGees classic, "Too Much Heaven."

Other standout tracks on the Winans Phase 2 debut include, "Always For You," an acoustic number punctuated by smooth vocals and "Come On Over," which opens with a prayer of thanksgiving and then invites the listener to commit to a more spiritual side of life. "In a Winans' Top" gives each of the four youngsters an opportunity to boldly state their case in a rap setting. Unlike the typical hip-hop fare, though, they don't waste time tooting their own horns or glorifying a "gangster" image. Instead they affirm their faith and applaud their heritage. Michael raps during the song, "Hell is crowded full of people that's 'bout it, I use I serve to be God's man and proud about it!"

Channeling into a new generation, the Winans legacy continues. If their Myrrin debut is any indication, "Marvin Jr., Carvin III, Juan, and Michael II" will be continuing the family tradition of spiritual fervor and musical excellence for years to come.

Special Feature

Female ministers face challenges, obstacles in male-dominated role

By Rachel LaCorte
AP Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The Rev. Dr. Marta J. Burke knows the obstacles facing women in the ministry. Burke was an associate minister in Jacksonville's Department of Counseling Psychology and Counselor Education. It was based on the 1995 survey of clergywomen representing all regions of the United States and will be published in the August issue of *Religious Focus*. The study found that clergywomen are susceptible to high levels of depression, partly because of trying to overcome resistance to their role as leaders. "It's very hard to keep up with the day to day when you're facing a lot of resistance," said Jesus Schultz, a UF sociology graduate student who worked on the study for her thesis. "It's a very difficult job because not only are you a professional, you are also holding a very esteemed position." The Rev. Sally Lorey said she didn't feel comfortable the first time she saw a woman preaching from the pulpit at her Presbyterian church in Stone Mountain, Ga. But that experience made her decide to enter the ministry. "At first I

was a little hesitant to her being up there but after a few minutes into her sermon, I was her biggest cheerleader," Lorey said. "Until most people see a woman in the pulpit, they're probably against it. I feel grateful to the women who paved the road for me." Now Lorey is an associate pastor at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, preaching to a congregation of more than 1,200 people. The ordained minister remains one of the most male-dominated of all professions, with women making up no more than 15 percent of the clergy in any major religious denomination in the United States, she said. "I think there is a glass ceiling," Lorey said. "If you examine most churches, there are very few women in senior positions in the church. I think any woman pastor will tell you that it's much more difficult for a woman. It's changing, but very gradually. The discrimination that many women face in the workplace often carries over into the religious world," said Martha Burk, president of the Center for the Advancement of Public Policy in Washington, a liberal research center that studies women's issues. "Women in the ministry have an additional bar-

rier to overcome," she said. "Many in their congregation - even enlightened people - think that women should be at home and hearth and shouldn't be working at all." The study found that 60 percent of the women said they faced difficulties and 56 percent often felt fearful because of the resistance of their work. The Rev. Suzanne Brooks-Cook, who has four children, said that her biggest challenge is balancing her home life and duties as senior pastor at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville. "It's a lot of work," she said. "Like any person in the professional world, it's difficult when trying to juggle both. As a pastor, you are on call 24 hours a day." Despite the stress the clergywomen face, 75 percent of them expressed high levels of satisfaction with their job. Most of the women, 89 percent, reported that their work is interesting and 75 percent said their work is important to them. "In spite of all these problems, they still have very high satisfaction with their work, because of the sense of purpose and being called to it," she said. "Most of them said that they really couldn't imagine doing anything else."

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Summit on sexuality cheer a new movement

WASHINGTON — "This is the beginning of a movement!" the Reverend Carlton W. Veazey could be heard saying over and over as the National Black Religious Summit III on Sexuality which recently wrapped on a strong note. "I'm looking forward to even more people joining in next year for the kind of stimulating, faith-based conversation on sexuality issues that can only be heard at the annual Summit."

Reverend Veazey is President and CEO of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. The Summit is a project of The Black Church Initiative of the Religious Coalition. This year's Summit was held at the Howard University School of Divinity. The 1999 Summit theme was "Breaking the Silence: Vision and Values for the 21st Century."

"The Divinity School was packed with people from all over the country," said Rev. Veazey. "Together, we talked about teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, reproductive choice, sexual orientation, domestic violence, and much more. Churches have been silent on these issues for too long. Summit participants were excited with faith-based people to take home and start using immediately to break the silence surrounding these critical concerns in their congregations and broader communities."

African American clergy, laity and youth are responding to the call to action. Over 200 people participated in the first Summit in 1997. This year, more than 600 people took part in the worship services, general sessions and workshops. About one third of those in attendance were youth. General session speaker U.S. Surgeon General Anthony S. Fauci, MD, PhD, said there has been a 63 percent increase in HIV/AIDS among African American youth ages 18-24, while the rate among the general population has declined. He said fighting the disease requires a change in attitude, from hopelessness to hope. "Young people without faith are more likely to do anything," he said. "We have to give youth hopes and dreams and the promise of a future with dignity. No one can do this better than churches."

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Just for the ladies

A word for all women from Bishop T.D. Jakes!

If a woman feels like a lady and is

able to celebrate herself, she will attract into her life people who reflect her own opinion of herself.

There are moments when the strongest woman can appreciate the reinforcement of a man who is comfortable with who he is and who can be an anchor in the storms of life.

He will be the warm hand touching the small of her back, giving her the ability to go forward. He will give her the feeling of uncompromising love as she faces the various stages and ages of life. He gives her body release, her spirit melody, and her spirit a gust of Wind that makes her able to soar.

When the lady has a lover, her eyes sparkle, her smile is bright and her voice is calm and compassionate. With her lover at her side, her heart is peaceful, for she feels secure and can close her eyes and rest her head on his shoulder. But in the stillness of the night, when he has

gone to sleep and there are pending issues on her mind, it is her Lord who works the night shift and watches over her in the dark. He is the one whom she can talk to when her wishes cannot explain what she is feeling. Her husband understands what she says, but the Lord understands what she feels. "I hope you enjoyed this, if so pass it on. CELEBRATE A STRONG WOMAN — don't fear her."

Bishop T.D. Jakes is world renowned minister, author, public speaker and broadcaster.

Prayer Corner

"Put not tears into the bottle."

Psalm 56
David was under attack by the enemy — so he had some days of distress.

And, obviously, there were times when he wept, so, he asked God to put his tears into his bottle to keep them from falling on his face. Probably not too many people saw his tears, but they felt!

So, sometimes the cares of this life will bring tears to our eyes; and it's ok for us to cry (and not be too proud to do so) because it does make us feel better. But, we must not continue to cry. But rather wipe our eyes, grab the arms of faith, and go forward! We are assured that they who go in tears shall reap in joy (Psalm 126:5). Whatever it is that we are going through, JOY is coming in the morning and strength is on the way. I will strengthen thee, yeal I will help thee, saith the Lord (Isaiah 41: 10).

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Local Briefs

Gov. Whitman signs law for local property tax relief

HACKENSACK — Gov. Christie Whitman signed Senate Bill S-10 during a recent visit to the Bergen Municipal Building in Bergen County. The bill requires annual inflation increases in state aid to municipalities and requires that the funds be used for property tax relief. The bill signing was one of a series of events the Governor had planned around Bergen County. She presented a \$150,000 check to the City of Hackensack for the River St. Bridge replacement project she visited a school-age child care center in North Arlington and toured a farm in Hillside.

Payne endorses Dunbar appointment to state police

TRENTON — Assemblyman William D. Payne recently endorsed Carson Dunbar, a black FBI executive and a former New Jersey state trooper, to serve as New Jersey's next State Police superintendent. "Carson Dunbar has the right qualifications for the job. He has proven law enforcement administrative experience, he is coming from outside the current State Police power structure, and he once worked as a state trooper," said Payne. The Assemblyman noted that Dunbar also is a New Jersey resident and he is among the finalists in the governor's national search for a new superintendent since the firing of former chief Carl Williams earlier this year. "Governor Whitman should stick to the original plan of finding an outsider to execute the breadth of reforms that are needed to make the State Police a more accountable and tolerant agency," Payne said. Payne made his case for an outsider to run the State Police in a letter he sent to fellow members of the New Jersey Legislative Black and Latino Caucus last week. The letter also mentioned racial tension within the agency made evident through the Caucus' public hearings and the Attorney General's report. Payne also expressed frustration with the political posturing the Sen. President Joseph DiFrancesco and the others have taken with the recommendation of a new superintendent.

Closing of senior citizens' community health services

TRENTON — Assemblyman Bonnie Watson Coleman recently issued a letter to newly appointed Department of Health Commissioner Christine Crant seeking direction regarding the recent closing of two hospital-run satellite health centers serving senior citizens in the county. The medical clinics, located in two Trenton senior apartment buildings, provided basic health services for about 200 residents. According to hospital officials, the closings were prompted by new state regulations. Watson Coleman expressed concern about the clinics' closing and said Trenton may prompt other closings in the state, affecting health care delivery for our most vulnerable citizens.

Council passes ordinance aimed at correcting parking problems

PLAINFIELD — Responding to residents' complaints that commuters at the Netherwood Station park in neighborhood streets rather than on the permitted lot, Plainfield's City Council last night unanimously adopted an ordinance prohibiting parking on street during certain hours. The ordinance, which goes into effect on Monday, August 9, 1999, prohibits parking between 7-10 a.m. (except for public holidays) on the following streets: Ward Avenue, Netherwood Avenue and Garfield Avenue, all between North Avenue and George Street. Signs will be erected in the affected blocks. Police will begin enforcing the ordinance on August 9. City officials believe that most of the offenders are commuters who avoid the permit fees for parking at the Netherwood Station by parking on the streets. Enforcement, it is hoped, will make life a little easier for residents on the affected streets and those who use Seidler Field during the daytime. "It's a shame we have to resort to an ordinance," says City Council President Harold Mitchell. "But it seems that otherwise folks in the neighborhood would just continue to suffer having their streets and driveways blocked all day long." Mitchell also noted that the Police Department will coordinate enforcement of the new provisions with the current parking restrictions on North Avenue, South Avenue and Belvidere Avenue. "What we want to have for those who drive to the Netherwood Station is the feeling that these are neighborhoods, not extended commuter parking lots," he added. Monthly permits for parking at the Netherwood Station can be gotten from the city's Parking Bureau, 127 West 4th Street.

New Jersey Board of Education elects new superintendent for Newark Public Schools

NEWARK — Recently, Marion A. Bolden, a Newark native, was unanimously elected to the position of District Superintendent of the Newark Public Schools by the New Jersey State Board of Education. For the Newark native is a dream come true.

"I am truly honored to have the opportunity to work with the Newark community as the District Superintendent. Now that I have accepted this position, I am committed with my commitment to help ensure that the children of Newark receive the best education," Bolden said.

Prior to her appointment, Bolden served as the Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning for the Newark Public Schools from 1996 through 1998. In that capacity she was responsible for the academic areas of



Marion Bolden

curriculum, instruction and assessment.

She initiated and designed the Extended Classroom Experiences Pro-

gram which has enabled students to participate in more than 50,000 theme-based, curriculum-enriching field trips.

As Associate Superintendent, Ms. Bolden implemented the Core Curriculum Content Standards. She was also responsible for staff development, which included developing and nurturing college and corporate partnerships. Bolden served as the Whole School Reform Coordinator for the district, defining and implementing the State-mandated initiatives.

It was under her leadership in the 1998-99 school year the Benjamin Banneker Science Center which provides students and educators with hands-on experiences in the sciences opened.

In 1998, Ms. Bolden served as the Interim Assistant Superintendent of

School Leadership Team II, which includes all of the high schools in the Newark Public School system.

In this capacity, she helped restructure the block scheduling in the high schools and developed the Summer Bridge program which prepares eighth graders for their high school experiences. During her tenure as the Director of the Office of Mathematics for the Newark Public Schools from 1989 to 1996, Bolden initiated the district-wide, annual Math Fair and Mathematics Olympics, which celebrated its tenth year this year.

During the 1997/98 school year, Bolden coordinated a partnership with the Newark Public Library which led to the opening of the branches on Saturdays.

AT&T makes a connection in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD — Over 80 employees from AT&T's New Jersey locations recently helped make a difference in our community by volunteering their time at the Second Street Youth Center in Plainfield. Many of the employees-volunteers rolled up their sleeves to paint rooms, clear storage areas and do some gardening. Others stayed computer training to the SSTC administrative staff and reading stories to children at the center.

The AT&T employees offered their services as part of its AT&T Cares Community Service Program.

The United Way of Union County linked AT&T to the Second Street Youth Center as part of its "Caring Connections" program. The "Caring Connections" program was designed to establish a crucial link between local residents in need and companies seeking involvement in community outreach initiatives.

Henry Kita, president of United Way of Union County, praised the AT&T employees for their efforts. "The volunteers from AT&T showed that they truly care about the future of our community," said Kita. "Their efforts have helped reinforce the look and feel of the Second Street Youth Center - one of our most important human-service agencies."

New abortion law could scare teens away

By Nancy Paralelo
AP Writer

TRENTON (AP) — The girl was having a miscarriage when she dialed the state's hotline for pregnant teens. The counselor told the girl she needed to go to the hospital. But the teen-ager had a nightmare. "Her biggest concern was not her health, but, 'My God, my mother is going to find out,'" said Kathleen Roe, executive director of Parents Anonymous, which receives \$100,000 from the state to run the hotline. "It's very sad," Gov. Christine Whitman decided in 1997 to provide state money to the Parents Anonymous hotline, which has operated for 11 years. She was responding to a spate of incidents in which pregnant teens hid their pregnancies from their parents and allegedly killed or hurt their newborns. Now, as the state gets ready to implement a new law that requires doctors to notify one parent if a girl under 17 asks them to perform an abortion, some worry the law will scare teen-agers away from helpful programs like the hotline. "Kids are more likely to talk to

doctors and professionals when they're promised confidentiality," said Roberta Knowlton, head of the state's School-Based Youth Services Program, which provides health and social services to high school students. "If they think the idea of parental notification means that every adult is going to get their hands on their parents, nurses and doctors, other help teenagers work through their panic so they can discuss their problem with their parents, Knowlton said. "The question is: How do we have parental notification about abortion and help our young people be more willing to talk to parents, rather than less willing?" Knowlton said. Roe confirms that teens are often most concerned about whether their parents have to learn about their troubles. "We've had calls where the kids have just hung up in the middle of the call because someone has just come into the house," said Roe. "Our goal is for the kids not to hang up." Whitman, who had previously opposed a parental notification law, signed the measure in June. It's scheduled

to go into effect Sept. 26. Bear Atwood, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey, said girls are already misinterpreting the law. Atwood said girls started calling shortly after the measure was publicized to ask whether they used their parents' permission to get birth control. Atwood said "Some kids will never call," added Atwood. "They'll just incorrectly assume they'll have to tell their parents. And we miss our chance to talk to them about responsible decision making in terms of sexual behavior. It's our chance to talk to them not only about birth control, but avoiding STDs, all the things they may not ever talk about until it's too late." But Marie Tasy, director of New Jersey Right to Life, dismissed the concerns. "This is just another scare tactic of the abortion industry," said Tasy, noting that under the law, the state must provide girls who are seeking an abortion with a list sheet explaining what the law requires. Knowlton said state officials from the health, education and human services departments are working together on ways to prevent the law from being misunderstood.

United Way approves funding for computer training

SOMERSET — Vice Chairman, Mark Quinn of the Renaissance Employment and Training Academy announced approval for funding from the United Way of Central Jersey for a series of short-term computer training courses.

According to Mr. Quinn, the United Way of Central Jersey at its recent 1999 Board of Trustees' meeting, unanimously approved a \$6000 special grant for computer training for the Renaissance Employment and Training Academy.

The target population for these computer classes are residents of FIBCO's service catchment area who could be categorized as a group of underemployed individuals, in need of technical training, and are ineligible for services from other funding streams.

These residents are people who have not had real work experiences or who have been in irregular and/or basal work situations. This group would essentially find it difficult to be productive in today's technological job market.

The request for funding was reviewed and recommended by United Way's Special/Emergency Request Committee which met with Mark Quinn earlier in the year. RETA's basic concern to impress the Special/Emergency Committee members, it recommended that United Way of Central Jersey's Board confirm its willingness to consider future requests for Math and English, Career Preparation and Professional Development.

United Way's grant monies will cover the cost of computer training for 20 persons in United Central Jersey's service areas of Franklin Township.

Computer training covers such popular applications as Microsoft Office, Excel and Lotus 1-2-3. It is expected each person would require a minimum of two courses to bring them to a level of proficiency and thus qualify for meaningful employment.

New Jersey Sens. Declare HUD victory

WASHINGTON — After months of pushing for action on the foreclosure of several abandoned HUD-owned properties, U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) and Representative Frank Lofordino (R-NJ) announced today that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has referred the properties to a private attorney contractor in an effort to expedite the foreclosure process.

"Instead of sitting on the sidelines, the Secretary took action to prompt quick results and for that his efforts are appreciated," said Torricelli. "This is a positive step towards removing these unsightly structures and replacing them with safe, adequate housing."

Torricelli and Lofordino were informed about the decision in a letter from Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo. Cuomo noted that HUD had initiated the foreclosure process on the seven properties several months ago but the process proved to be lengthy.

Cuomo also noted that the properties would be maintained by HUD and inspected at least once every two weeks until foreclosure and resale are complete.

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CityLife

In a League of their own

The Leaguers celebrate 50 years of community service

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

First, Mary Burch planted the seed in the minds of literally thousands of African-American children growing up in Newark that they, too, could succeed.

Then, with patience, love and understanding, she nurtured those minds into believing. And on this 50th Golden Anniversary of The Leaguers Inc., an organization Burch along with her late husband, Dr. Reynold Burch founded, the lives of those individuals who have affirmed their mission in life, by proclaiming what she taught them through their accomplishments is a phenomenal testimony to one powerful and gifted woman — a true visionary.

"Opportunity Through Education," is The Leaguers motto — education on the social front as well as in the classroom. Burch, who was an educator knew this to be the key for sustaining a better quality of life and pointed the youth in Newark in this direction.

Her imbedded signature on the lives she touched centered on the importance of proper etiquette, the pageantry of collations and the invaluable experience of cultural enrichment.

"She gave us exposure, taking us on trips and showing us the Smithsonian," said Mary Cudjoe, Director of Ethnic and Minority Affairs for the state. "She was more like a mother than a mentor. We got up in the morning looking forward to going to The Leaguers."

Cudjoe, along with a host of other Leaguers alumni will gather at the Newark Museum located at 49 Washington St., on Aug. 6 from 5:30 — 9 p.m. to celebrate in a reunion of all past and present Leaguers. The event, which is open to the public and is free, will pay special tribute to Burch, who is now 96 years old.

Invited guests include: Mayor Sharpe James; poet and playwright, Amiri Baraka; WLIR radio personality, Kay Thompson; former U.S. Secretary of Energy, Hazel O'Leary; and Assemblyman William Payne and longtime friend to the Leaguers, Secretary of State, Rev. DeForest (Buster) Soaries.

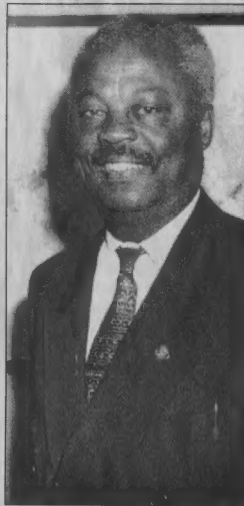
The Leaguers, which serve over 400 children and 1300 families in the Newark area through its many programs, such as After School Tutorial Sessions, Head Start Day Care, HIV/AIDS Crisis Intervention, Career Counseling Services and a Job Readiness, Search and Placement of Work First New Jersey recipients, has indeed grown from its humble roots to comprehensively uplift the Greater Newark community.

"It is an organization that develops people," said Veronica Ray, Executive Director of The Leaguers, Inc. "She (Mary) had a gift and used her level of influence to improve people's lives."

On the cusp of the 21st Century, The Leaguers move into the millennium better prepared to serve, with a new facility located in downtown Newark. This venture assuredly complies with the theme of this year's event — "The Legacy of Mary B. Burch," a woman who dared to dream and believe in the endless possibilities for the youth of Newark lives on strong.



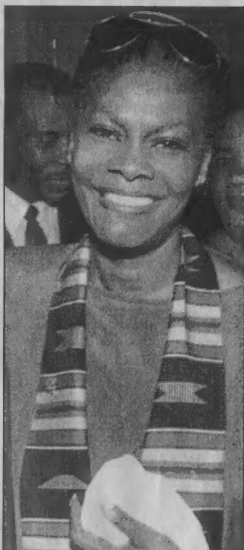
Present Leaguers: Chairperson of the Program Committee Mildred Mabray (center) confers with Entertainment Chairperson Sheryl Folsom (right) and Claudette Ayers of the Collation Committee (left) on details for The Leaguers' 50th Anniversary Banquet scheduled for December 4 at Newark Airport Marriott Hotel.



Congressman Donald Payne



Founder Mary B. Burch



Past Leaguer Dione Warwick



Present Leaguers: (Left) Michael L. Jackson, Chairperson of Capital Fundraising Committee, looks on as Barbara Stewart (right), Construction Manager points out design feature to Leaguer's Executive Director, Veronica E. Ray (center) as agency begins building construction.



The late Connie Woodruff was a Leaguer

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Q. Can my service be switched without my consent?

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Q. Will my service continue to be reliable if I choose a new supplier?

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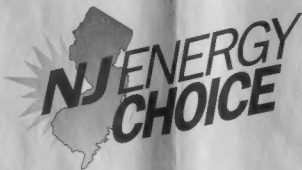


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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

WESTFIELD — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the American Red Cross, 3 p.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

CALDWELL — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Masonic West Essex Lodge, 4 p.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

SOMERSET — St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick will host a support group meeting for adults living with diabetes at its Homestead American Store, 7:30 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

WAYNE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Wayne General Hospital, 3 p.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

JAMESBURG — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds, 2 p.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

VERONA — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the First Congregation Church of Verona, 9 a.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

EDISON — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Edison Job Corps Center, 11 a.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

EDISON — The Matchless-Edison Branch of NAACP hosts its Fourth Annual Family Health & Culture Fair at the Edison Job Corps Center, 11 a.m. (732) 545-1617.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

PLAINFIELD — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Dairy Queen Ice Cream Stand, 3 p.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

PLAINFIELD — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Sussex County Fair, 11 a.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

PLAINFIELD — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Sussex County Fair, 11 a.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NU.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for those suffering from breast cancer at the hospital's conference room, 6 p.m. (201) 915-2200.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital will host a support group meeting for couples sharing a pregnancy and losing an infant at the first floor cafeteria, 7 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County & Plainfield Area will hold a blood drive at the United Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. (908) 756-6414.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Health Center (PHC) hosts its Pediatric Health Fair, 1 p.m. (908) 753-6401.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

FANWOOD — Contact We Care hosts its Fourth Annual Road Race Fund Raiser for Kids at LaGrande Park, 6 p.m. (908) 654-1585.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Health Center (PHC) hosts "Walk n' Immunization Day," a day of free immunizations to children of all ages, 9 a.m. (908) 753-6401.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support meeting for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the hospital's conference room, 6 p.m. (201) 915-2200.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County & Plainfield Area will hold a blood drive at the United Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. (908) 756-6414.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

EDISON — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County & Plainfield Area will hold a blood drive at the Edison Firehouse, 9 a.m. (908) 756-6414.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course in vaginal birth after cesarean section, 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support meeting for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the hospital's conference room, 6 p.m. (201) 915-2200.

Health Feature

U.S. and Ugandan team discover economical drug to prevent infant HIV

By Jim Lobe

WASHINGTON (IPS) — In a major advance in the fight against AIDS, U.S. and Ugandan researchers have developed a inexpensive new drug regimen that effectively prevents the virus that causes the disease from being transmitted between mother and child.

If the interim results of the new treatment hold up in subsequent tests, the therapy could prevent hundreds of thousands of HIV infections annually in some of the poorest countries of the world, according to public-health experts here.

The treatment, including only two doses of the drug Nevirapine, costs less than \$4 per child—about 70 times less expensive than the standard AZT-prevention drug, Zidovudine (AZT), according to the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), which funded the study.

"These new drugs will have a profound impact in the developing world," said Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action, an independent group here which lobbies for government pharmaceutical companies to increase AIDS prevention research and reduce

costs for anti-AIDS drugs. "It has spread rapidly, especially among women, of child-bearing age, according to recent reports. It puts of Africa... up to 30 percent at pregnant women are infected with HIV and 25-35 percent of their infants will be born with the infection."

UNAIDS estimated that approximately 1,800 HIV-infected babies were born every day in the world's poor nations and 1.2 million children under the age of 15 were living with the disease at the end of 1998. Almost all HIV-infected children were believed to have acquired the virus from their mothers before or during birth or through breastfeeding.

Until now, very little if anything could be done to prevent or treat infections in a way that was affordable to most poor mothers in developing countries. The AZT regimen, widely available in middle-income developing countries, carried a price tag of some \$200, roughly equivalent to the annual per capita income in Mali and many other poor African nations.

The study, which was conducted by researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the University of Washington School of



Public Health in the United States and Uganda's Makerere University of Medicine, began two years ago at Makerere's Mulago Hospital.

Women in their ninth month of pregnancy were organized in two groups. Members of the first were required to take a 200-mg dose of oral Nevirapine at the onset of labor, followed by another dose administered to their babies within three days of birth. Women in the second group took standard doses of AZT during labor. It showed by additional doses given to the newborn twice daily for the first week

of life. To researchers' surprise, Nevirapine was markedly more effective. At 14 to 16 weeks of age, 13.1 percent of infants who received the drug were infected with HIV, compared with 25.1 percent of those in the AZT group.

If implemented widely, the new therapy potentially could prevent some 300,000 to 400,000 newborns each year from becoming life infected with HIV, according to the NIH.

Some experts questioned patience, however. Peter Piot, head of the United Nations AIDS program in Geneva, called the study a "major gain" but noted that it will take time before the therapy can be used on a large scale in developing countries.

Because drug therapy is only one part of a complex effort to prevent HIV, Zingale noted, pilot programs must be developed. The breakthrough comes at a critical moment in the global fight against AIDS. The disease has caused the fourth-leading cause of death in the world and the number one killer in Africa, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The last great advance in the fight against AIDS came three years ago

when researchers disclosed that combinations of new drugs, called protease inhibitors, had allowed many people infected with HIV to lead relatively normal lives.

But, the treatments are very expensive, costing up to \$15,000 a year to treat one person. Their cost, far beyond the means of the vast majority of people infected with HIV in the developing world, coupled with the lack of progress in developing an AIDS vaccine, contributed to a spreading pessimism among those involved in the anti-AIDS struggle.

Adding to the gloom has been the rate at which the disease has spread, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. In several African countries, more than 20 percent of the adult population is HIV-positive.

The study results were hailed by Vice President Al Gore, who has come under intense criticism from AIDS activists for pressing the South African government to repeal a 1997 law permitting local companies to produce their own versions of anti-AIDS drugs patented by U.S. pharmaceutical companies. Washington claimed that the law violated international intellectual property rights.

Report reveals women are uneducated about their health

BETHESDA, MD — Women understand health risks for males better than for females, a new study shows.

In a study conducted by researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine, women showed greater knowledge of what diseases kill men. However, regarding women's mortality, they revealed an exaggerated fear of breast cancer, but underestimated heart disease and lung and colon cancers. Such lack of knowledge itself could prove lethal.

"Accurate knowledge and perception of risk of coronary heart disease might impact whether women undergo regular cholesterol and blood pressure screening and whether women engage in health behaviors such as increasing leisure-time physical activity, improving diet, and engaging in regular stress management techniques," said Sara Wilcox, PhD, head of the study.

Wilcox, along with Marcia L. Stefanick, PhD, administered questionnaires to 200 San Francisco Bay area women. The women ranged in age from 41 to 95, with an average of 66. The scientists report their results in the current issue of *Health Psychology*.

Overall, 76 percent correctly identified coronary heart disease as the leading cause of death among middle-aged men. Just 67 percent knew that cancer kills the most women in that age group. Participants

knew even less about older people, though they still knew more about men.

City men perceived a correctly close heart disease as the leading cause of older men. Only 45 percent correctly chose heart disease for women, or that women were more likely to die than men in the study knew far less about what kills women in their own age group compared to other age groups. Only one in three women knew if heart disease is the leading cause of older women.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women older than 54, yet more than 44 percent of the group named it number one in women ages 35 to 64, and more than a third prioritized it for each age group older than that.

In reality, lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in women ages 55 to 74, more than four out of five respondents were unaware of this. Colon cancer ranks as the most lethal in the oldest women, something most respondents did not realize.

The predominance of well-educated, healthy participants limits this study's applicability to general populations. However, the group's extensive misconceptions simply even greater need for education with diverse populations.

The research was supported by a training grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Tri-city NAACP chapter partners with the Sharing Network

SPRINGFIELD, NJ — The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (The Sharing Network), is partnering with the Tri-City Chapter of the NAACP to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation/transportation within the African American communities of Vauxhall, Springfield and Summit, announced Joseph Roti, President and Executive Officer of The Sharing Network.

A committee, headed by Marguerite Brown Chambers, President of the Tri-City branch of the NAACP, has been formed to promote organ, eye and tissue donation awareness in the African American community. NAACP office also pointed out.

Organ donations can literally mean life or death for scores of African American and minority citizens, who are

on waiting lists," Roti pointed out. "We're confident that the NAACP, through their efforts, will be able to change the way people view this very delicate and sensitive subject."

It may also lead to a life-or-death issue for too many African American citizens, as well as for members of other minority communities. Brown Chambers said "At the Tri-City NAACP, we are pleased and honored to partner with The Sharing Network to provide our members with available information concerning this important and physically important, we're happy to help increase the overall number of consensuous, African Americans who sign organ donor cards."

Dr. Doran J. Wilson, Medical Director of The Sharing Network, pointed out, "If the recipient shares ethnicity

with the donor, the chance of a successful transplant operation is dramatically increased."

Roti concluded, "I applaud the progressive steps of the Tri-City branch of the NAACP, an initiative that is literally saving lives. We are pleased to be working with the NAACP to help give more people a second chance at life."

The Sharing Network is a federally-designated, state-certified, procurement organization responsible for recovering organs and tissue for New Jersey residents in need of transplantation, as well as those on waiting lists nationwide. Organ donor cards, additional information or a copy of our donor registry, can be obtained by calling The Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ, or by visiting our web site at: <http://www.sharing.org>

Plainfield Health Center hosts health fair

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Health Center (PHC), a community-based, federally qualified health center, is hosting two-back to school children's events. The PHC Health Fair on August 17 and a Walk-In Immunization Day on August 21.

The Pediatric Health Fair will offer a variety of health-related activities for children, including free immunization for youngsters ages 1-5 years, 11 months, immunization screening and low-cost immunization for children 6 years of age and older, well-baby and well-child health screenings, eye exams, height/weight and nutritional counseling, a safety clinic, handwashing demonstrations, children's identification program, a teddy bear clinic sponsored by Muhlenberg Regional

Medical Center and low cost dental exams.

In addition, clowns and the "Whooper Hopper" sponsored by Burger King of Plainfield, will entertain the children.

PHC is a comprehensive primary health care organization, serving the greater Plainfield community. Its pediatric program offers well-child care and physical exams, hearing and vision screenings; walk-in sick child care, immunization and adolescent medicine.

PHC is also a registration for the NJ KidCare program. To participate in the PHC Pediatric Health Fair or Walk-In Immunization Day, children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Friday, August 6 7-11 p.m.	Mr Blues & NY State of Mind.	Atrium
Sunday, August 8 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Betty Duchantier	Dining Room
Friday, August 13 7-11 p.m.	Holma Donaldson	Atrium
Sunday, August 15 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Betty Duchantier	Dining Room
Friday, August 20 7-11 p.m.	Victor Jones R&B-Bop	Atrium
Friday, August 27 7-11 p.m.	Houston Person & Etta Jones	Atrium

A black and white photograph of an older man with a friendly expression, wearing dark sunglasses and a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Ray Charles

Photo by Joe Adams

Tuesday, August 10
10-11.30 p.m. Jose Feliciano: A Legend in Concert.

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Oliver Mtshuzi **Taj Mahal** **Baaba Maal** **Toumani Diabate**

Africa Fest '99 continues its tradition of showcasing outstanding African talent with the tour's first American African super group. Kulanjan, a collaboration between blues master Taj Mahal and Malian virtuoso Toumani Diabate and six of his fellow musicians from Bamako is featured on this year's tour, supporting their forthcoming Hannibal Records release, "Kulanjan." The lineup also features the great Baaba Maal Band from Senegal, supporting his recent release, "L'Esperance." Live at Royal Festival Hall! (already available on EMI's "Live at the Pictures" live album) "big voice" singer from Zimbabwe, Oliver Mtshuzi, in his U.S. debut appearance, supporting his Putumayo Records debut, "Tuku Music."

Photo by Ben Hunstein

When a newly remastered CD edition was reissued in the Columbia/Legacy Jazz Masterpieces series in 1987, it entered the *Billboard* Jazz chart at 33.

Rome's sophomore RCA Records album, "Thank You," is scheduled for release on August 10.

Once a traditional meets contemporary and all roads lead to Rome.

The Stretch-tet will once again be in concert at the Barron Arts Center, August 6, at 8:00 p.m.

Dave Emanuel is the featured drummer and also composes for the Street set, but is also an accomplished pianist and electric bassist.

His other musical associates include the indelible guitarist Dave Tronzo, the All Terrain Band, Kernal Discot

Keyboardist Jeff Lawrence is a prolific composer who contributes a lot of material to The Stretch, as well as some NY jazz and R & B bands. Lawrence honed his skills in jazz studying with Kenny Burton, influences the Stretch with his experience in Hip Hop and dance groove music.

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Light Classical and Pops Music - orchestral • 4:00 pm • Forest Park • 718 786-8880

8
Rockaway Music & Arts Council Sunset Picnic Concert Series
The Long Island Pops • 6:00 pm • Gateway National Recreation Area, Fort Tilden • 718 474-6760

8
Showcase Sundays
Musical Groups & Festival • 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Spirit of Jubilee Park, South Ave., Syracuse • 315 428-0070

10
Sternberg Park — Concerts in the Parks
Viento de Agua • 7:00 pm • Sternberg/Lindsay Park • Williamsburg • 212 360-8290

11
Jazz in the Garden
Lew Soloff • 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm • Katonah Museum of Art Route 22 at Jay Street • 914 232-9555

11
"Summer Sounds" Concert Series
Mario Tacca/Mary Mancini • Italian Concert • 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm • Hudson Park Bandshell • Hudson Park, New Rochelle • 914 654-2091

11
Sunset Park - Concerts in the Park
Jimmy Bosch • 7:00 pm • Sunset Park • 212 360-8290

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Nona Hendryx and Sandra St. Victor • Noon - 2:00 pm • Metro Tech Commons, Downtown Brooklyn • 718 636-4100

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Verdict • Reggae/Socca • 7:00 pm - 9:00 p.m. • West Main Street at Irving Street, Downtown Rahway • 732 827-2045

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Boonton Housing Authority

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CONTRACT NO. 7 - New Bedroom and Bathroom Interior Doors at Riverview Towers
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CONTRACT NO. 8 - New Bedroom and Bathroom Interior Doors at Riverview Towers
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Barry Sanders, who is less than 1500 yards short of Walter Payton's all-time rushing record retired from Detroit Lions. Can you blame him? Here's a guy who has a superbly been the NFL's most dominant player, languishing on a Detroit team which just seems to get worse year after year. More power to you Barry, I expect Sanders to eventually be traded to a contender and soon thereafter to re-retire. Can one sit down and watch Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter for any period of time without seeing the charismatic star do something amazing? Jeter is currently New York's most prominent sports superstar (sorry, Keyshawn, Patrick, Vinny, Jason and Piazza).

When are they gonna cease reforming the U.S. Olympic team as the "Dream Team." There is really only one Dream Team which has players like Jordan, Bird & Magic and competed in the 1992 games. Look, face it, the only Dream Team which would associate with Atlanta Hawks guard Steve Smith is the one led by John L. Cochran should Smith somehow find himself in a legal bind. Whatever you do, don't watch Showtime's *Hope Lee*. It is beyond carry, its trite, its silly and the plots are weaker than Chris Dudley's free-throw shooting. Will Yankee future Hall-of-Famer Roger Clemens become another Ed Whitton? Whitton, if you remember was the former Yankee bomber pitcher who self destructed after arriving in the Big Apple, after several successful seasons in San Diego. I doubt Clemens will go so far like Whitton did, but its amazing how playing in New York can affect an athlete's performance. And although Clemens' performances have improved in the past, it's clear that he's not the same player he was last year with Toronto.

Once again it looks like the Knicks crapped out on draft day with their selection of 7-2 center Frederic Weis. In his first action during a summer pro-am game in Boston, Weis looked lost and was a defensive nightmare, committing six fouls in 17 minutes. Patrick Ewing should sleep well so long as Weis is seen as his heir apparent because the big Frenchman has a long way to go. By the way, the best owner in sports is George Steinbrenner. If you're a Yankee fan what more can you ask for? Since taking over the franchise in the early 1970's the guy has delivered four world series championships, and New York should capture another one this year. Steinbrenner is also never dull and has opened his wallet on numerous occasions to lure superstars to the highest end of New York. Steinbrenner's ownership style has been crucial to the team's success. If George owned the Chicago Bulls, do you think he would have antagonized Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Phil Jackson like Jerry Reinsdorf did? Sure both George and Jerry have huge egos, but Reinsdorf's failing is that he's dumb and has a big ego. Look for Sports Illustrated to pick the New York Jets to win the Super Bowl this year. Let see how the Jets respond to the new status as favorites. Well, until next week, PEACE.

Gregory Moore

A celebration of Negro and Latin baseball players

ATLANTIC CITY — The Sandcastle Stadium, home of the professional baseball team the Atlantic City Surf, will host "Turn the Clock Back Night" on Friday, Aug. 20. Veteran players, and participating teams will don Negro League Baseball uniforms and fill the stadium with an exciting game, beginning at 7 p.m. An unveiling of a bronze relief, which depicts the development of Negro League Baseball, will take place at 5:45 p.m.

Coming on the heels of Negro League hurler, "Smookey" Joe Williams induction into baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., a gala dinner to celebrate the stadium's 50th anniversary, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, along with the Seventh Annual John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Humanitarian Award and Lecture to be showcased at Atlantic City's Convention Center. Rev. DeForest "Buster" Bories, Secretary of State, will deliver the keynote address. U.S. Congressman John Lewis, the staunch civil rights activist, along with writer, consummate photographer and filmmaker Gordon Parks will be honored with the Award for Service to the Youth of America.

The festivities will kick-off with "Beisbol Behind the Veil: Latin Americans in the Negro Leagues," the only traveling exhibit of its kind chronicling more than three decades of great Latin talent in Negro Leagues, at the Atlantic City Free Public Library on Aug. 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The afternoon will also feature a reception and program starring veteran Latin players and Todd Bolton, exhibit curator. The exhibit traces the evolution of Latin baseball in the United States from the early barnstorming teams throughout the decades of Negro League Baseball. Attendees will find out which Negro League team featured ten future Hall of Famers, who the first batting champion was, what shortstop dominated the league in the 1940s and which 40-year-old pitcher dominated the league in 1947 to lead his team to the Negro League World Series Championship.

"Mixed Signals: The Story of Effa Manley and the Negro Leagues," will take place at the Atlantic City Historical Society at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19. The production focuses on the remarkable life, career and times of Effa Manley, co-owner and general manager of the Negro National League's Newark Eagles. The play produced by the John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Committee, captures the essence of Effa.

Don't miss out on these exciting events in celebration of the Negro Baseball League and John Henry "Pop" Lloyd in Atlantic City, "America's Favorite Playground." This winning combination of art, history, theater and America's all-time favorite sport is surely worth attending.

COMMENTARY

NAACP, Black Caucus join in support of King

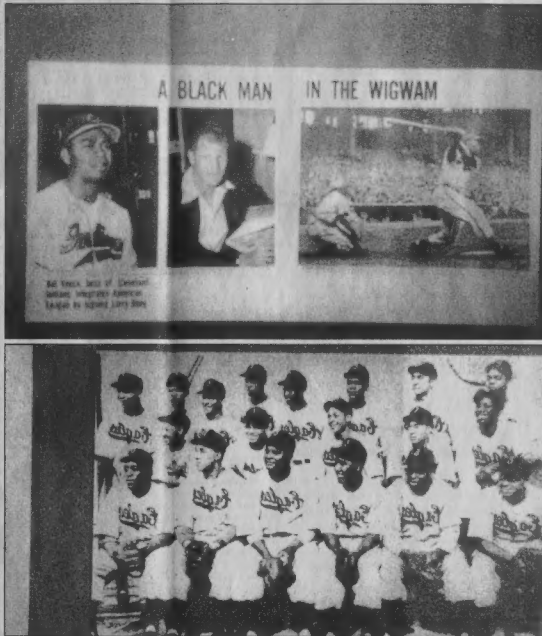
By Collie J. Nicholson

Over the years, Don King made boxing feel good about itself by promoting the biggest events in the sport's history. That's what sets him apart.

To say that King is a boxing icon is an understatement that is tantamount to claiming that Walt Disney was a minor movie mogul or that Barnum and Bailey were minor minstrels searching for the big top they could call their own.

To denigrate King, the acknowledged best promoter the fight game has ever seen is an exercise that takes the green out of envy and is an abuse of one's right to be silly. The abuse of silliness, however, is not an exercise in being done against King all over again and something that envious sportswriters and the U.S. Justice Department seem to be making sport of.

It is hard to believe, in view of King's excellent record as a promoter, that there are still dissidents who hear who seem bent on giving King's reputation another shattering. Like in the past, though, King is likely to come out of all of the economy, the economy and the false claims smelling like a rose. Criticism of King is based on perception, not reality, as boxing's trainer Don Turner pointed out.



Circa photos top-bottom A product of the Newark Eagles, Larry Dolby was the first base baseball player to play in the American League, signing with the Cleveland Indians. The Newark Eagles was a premier team in the Negro National League

held in New York City condemned the U.S. Government's current investigation of King. Kweisi Mfume, head of the NAACP, along with the national leadership, said the U.S. Justice Department is using a double standard against King. They noted that the Feds have tried King on trumped up charges three times and made him a perennial target.



Don King

While the government's effort to make King the proverbial three-times loser has been unsuccessful, the smart choice now it seems, would be for the Feds, and media to toss aside the silliness and look at the good that King has done for the sport as well as what he has contributed to society.

King is now being accused along with Bob Lee, Sr., president of the International Boxing Federation of fixing the rankings of fighters. The FBI swooped down on King's offices in Florida and took his files and two truck loads of records and other information.

On King's behalf, the NAACP at its recent convention

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The organization called for fairness and equal treatment of King. The membership considers his treatment a reprehensible use of power. In its expressed view, the government has no business using its police powers to further a hostile agenda aimed at destroying black economic and political leadership.

Meanwhile, The Congressional Black Caucus, too, believes that the investigation is racially motivated and feels that a task force should be paroled to do an internal assessment of the probe to see if there is a continuing move inside the Justice Department to get King.

King's reputation for greatness is not just associated with boxing. He has been a mover and a shaker and a giver to more community and civic cause than even he can enumerate. He has been especially kind to education, contributing millions of dollars to colleges and universities all over the nation.

When a cause has called, King has responded in no small manner. King, whom the NAACP called "the greatest promoter in boxing history," received the NAACP's President's Award at the 1997 convention held in Pittsburgh. In giving that award, the NAACP said it was

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rightfully saluting King because "his rise to international status represents the kind of upward mobility that the NAACP and other African-American forward-thinkers in the United States espouse and think so highly of." No other promoter can match King's record. No other can come within hailing distance. No other will fill his place in the history of boxing. The records that he has achieved, including the first promoter to put three world heavyweight bouts on one card, will stand well into the next millennium.

Lions running back Barry Sanders retires

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Barry Sanders announced his retirement from the NFL, despite the near certainty that he would become the NFL's all-time rusher this year. "My desire to exit the game is greater than my desire to remain in it. I have searched my heart through and through and feel comfortable with this decision," the NFL's second-leading all-time rusher said in a statement released on July 21. The statement by the Detroit Lions' running back was posted on The Wichita Eagle's Web site. Sanders lives in Wichita, Kan. He retired without talking to Detroit coach Bobby Ross or anyone else in the Lions organization, but said he leaves "on good terms with everyone in the organization." The 31-year-old Sanders could still return, because he generally keeps himself in top shape, whether he is working out with the team or not. However, people who know him regard him as a man of his word, and generally unlikely to waver once he makes a major decision. Attempts by his agents to talk him out of retiring have been as futile as a defender trying to arm-tackle him. One of his agents, David Ware, said he was unable to dissuade Sanders, even with the argument that he's only 1,458 yards shy of breaking the NFL career rushing record.

"Individual accolades have never been the things that motivated Barry," said Ware on WWJ radio in Detroit. "Money has never been something that motivated Barry." Sanders rushed for 1,491 yards last season, ending a streak of four consecutive 1,500 yard seasons. And that is when he started thinking about retiring. "Shortly after the end of last season, I felt that I probably would not return for the 1999-2000 season. I also felt that I should take as much time as possible to sort through my feelings and make sure that my feelings were backed with conviction," Sanders said. Sanders arrived in London last week on a flight from Detroit and said simply said "I'm going into retirement." He said he planned to spend a couple of days in London. He refused further comment, saying his statement would speak for him. The Lions were preparing to hold a mid-morning news conference and would have a press conference. Speculation about Sanders' reasons for leaving included the Lions' 5-11 finish last season, Ross' temperamental personality, local media reaction when he became known that he was contemplating retirement and because he doesn't believe the Lions are committed to winning. In a statement, Sanders only had praise for the team and its management. "I truly will miss playing for the Lions. I consider the Lions' players, coaches, staff, management and fans my family. I leave on good terms with everyone in the organization," he said.

Sanders also said he had no salary disputes with the club. During Sanders' 10 seasons in Detroit, the Lions have a 78-82 regular-season record and made the playoffs five of those years. They have won only one playoff game. Sanders has played two years on a six-year, \$36-million contract. Sanders, 31, has 15,269 career rushing yards, trailing only Chicago Bear's Walter Payton's 18,726 yards rushing. But the Lions have had two 5-11 seasons sandwiched around a 9-7 record in 1997 that earned them a wild-card spot in the playoffs.

Home and away schedule for August

Away games are bolded Home games at Riverfront Stadium in Newark

Week	Day	Opponent	Location
Wed. Aug. 4	Thurs. Aug. 5	Leigh Valley	Leigh Valley
Fri. Aug. 6	Sat. Aug. 7	Nashua	Nashua
Sun. Aug. 8	Mon. Aug. 9	Nashua	Nashua
Tue. Aug. 10	Wed. Aug. 11	Atlantic City	Atlantic City
Thurs. Aug. 12	Fri. Aug. 13	Atlantic City	Atlantic City
Sat. Aug. 14	Sun. Aug. 15	Someraset	Someraset
Mon. Aug. 16	Tue. Aug. 17	Someraset	Someraset
Wed. Aug. 18	Thurs. Aug. 19	Bridgeport	Bridgeport
Fri. Aug. 20	Sat. Aug. 21	Nashua	Nashua
Sun. Aug. 22	Mon. Aug. 23	Nashua	Nashua
Tue. Aug. 24	Wed. Aug. 25	Nashua	Nashua
Thurs. Aug. 26	Fri. Aug. 27	Leigh Valley	Leigh Valley
Sat. Aug. 28	Sun. Aug. 29	Bridgeport	Bridgeport
Mon. Aug. 30	Tue. Aug. 31	Bridgeport	Bridgeport

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